(d) The private sector oil companies are free to take pricing decisions on commercial considerations and they are not covered under the subsidy sharing mechanism as per the Government Resolution of 8th March, 2008.

Oil and gas requirement

1670. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of crude, gas and other petroleum products imported from 1 April, 2007 to 31 March, 2008;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred in terms of foreign exchange both in US Dollar and equivalent Indian Rupee;

(c) the percentage of our oil and gas requirement which was met from imports during financial year 2007-08; and

(d) the percentage of indigenous production as compared to imported quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The quantity of crude oil, gas and other petroleum products imported during 2007-08 are given below:

Product	Quantity (TMT)
Crude oil	121672
Gas-LNG	8250
Petroleum products	22716

(b) The expenditure incurred is as under:

Products	$ Million	Rs. Crore
Crude oil	67988	272699
Gas-LNG	2296	9399
Petroleum products	15255	61504

(c) The percentage of oil and gas requirement met from imports is as under :

Crude oil:	80%	Gas-LNG:	26%

(d) The percentage of oil and gas requirement met from indigenous production is as under:

Crude oil:	20%	Gas-LNG:	74%

Freezing of new LPG connections

1671. SHRI K. E. ISMAIL :
SHRI R. C. SINGH :
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the direction given by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to the distributors in various States to freeze new LPG connections and curtail disbursements of booked LPG cylinders;